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Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: GN Docket No. 09-191

January 5, 2010

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

We are writing to briefly comment on the Commission's ongoing review of Net Neutrality/Internet regulations.

As a regional economic development organization, operating throughout Michigan's rural Upper Peninsula, our members rely on the Internet to reach customers and suppliers and to develop and expand into new markets. High-speed Internet access is a cornerstone to being able to operate effectively and efficiently in an area that is, at times, geographically remote from customers.

While we support free and open Internet, we urge you to use caution when imposing any new regulations on the Internet so that private sector investment in broadband access and expansion is not compromised. In a rural area like ours, broadband access is not universally available to all consumers and businesses. This presents significant challenges as we try to compete in a world economy.

As you are considering new Internet regulations, we hope that universal availability of broadband access will continue to be a top priority of the FCC and we continue to support your policy initiatives in that regard.

Sincerely,